

**EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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**Amendment & Claim Status**

[1] This Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance is responsive to Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and Interview Summary ("Amendment") received Oct. 10, 2011, and the Applicant initiated interview conducted Oct. 7, 2011. Claims 1-14, 16-18, 20-27, 37, 38, 41, 42 and 45 remain pending.

In response to Amendment and the interview, the previous rejected Claims 22 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention; rejected Claim 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter; rejected Claims 37 and 38 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as not falling within one of the four statutory categories of invention; and rejected Claims 28 and 29 under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takizawa et al., J.P. 2000-157507 ("Takizawa") in view of Edelstein et al., Spin-Warp NMR Imaging and Applications to Human Whole-Body Imaging, Physics in Medicine and Biology, Vol. 25, pp. 751-756, 1980 ("Edelstein"), are withdrawn.

**Information Disclosure Statement**

[2] The information disclosure statement filed Sep. 8, 2011 complies with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609. It has been placed in the application file, and the information referred to therein has been considered as to the merits

**Allowable Subject Matter**

[3] Claims 1-14, 16-18, 20-27, 37, 38, 41, 42 and 45 allowed.

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Reasons for Indicating Allowable Subject Matter

[4] The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding **Claim 1**, the prior art of record does not teach including a non-correction with respect to two areas or more obtained by mutually synthesizing one portion of at least three areas or more in said image data of said image pickup part. Claims 22-23 would be allowable by dependency. **Claims 37, 38, 41 and 42** by analogy.

**Conclusion**

[5] Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID ZARKA whose telephone number is (571)270-1578 and fax number (571)270-2578. The examiner can normally be reached Monday - Friday 7:30 - 17:00 ET.

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